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COATESVILLE BOOKKEEPER CHARGED WITH ACCEPTING BRIBE

PHILADELPHIA - Maria Kauffman was charged today by information<sup>1</sup> with one count of bribery in connection with fixing a city resident's outstanding trash bills, announced United States Attorney Michael L. Levy and Chester County District Attorney Joseph Carroll. In 2008, Kauffman was working in the Coatesville Finance Department and was responsible for processing bills and receiving payments. Among those she processed were those for the City trash billing system. According to the information, between October and November 2008, Kauffman agreed to accept \$1,500 from a resident to zero out the \$8,500 the resident owed for outstanding trash bills.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Maria Kauffman	Atglen, PA	43

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a possible fine of up to \$250,000.

The case was investigated by Chester County Detectives, the Chester County District Attorneys Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Suzanne Ercole.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.